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59</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA28</COMM></TARGET>

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rules

DATE: 4/4/13

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED ^{GAT} ~~#~~ 4/8/13
 IN TO OFFICE: 4/8/13

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(STA) am

HB 59-MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT RESPONSE PLAN

"An Act relating to missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans."

and recommends:

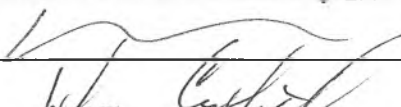
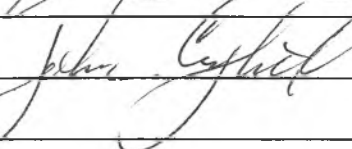
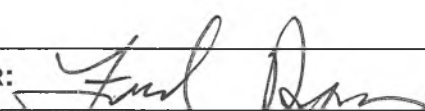
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 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
MVA			✓	2
DPS			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Wielechowski	✓			
	Coghill	✓			
CHAIR: 	Dyson	✓			

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Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Rep. Max Gruenberg 

DATE: April 4, 2013

RE: HB 59 Hearing Request

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Please consider this memorandum as a request for House Bill 59 to be heard before the Senate State Affairs Committee. Accompanying this memo are the following documents:

- CSHB 59 (STA) am ver. R.A
- CSHB 59 (STA) ver. R
- CSHB 59 (MLV) ver. P
- HB 59 ver. A
- HB 59 Sponsor Statement
- HB 59 Explanation of Changes Memos
 - Version R to R.A
 - Version P to R
 - Version A to P
- HB 59 Memo from Rep. Millett
- HB 59 Fiscal Notes
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
- HB 59 Supporting Documents
 - Letter of Support- Patrick Cunningham- March 4, 2013
 - Letter of Support- Marianne Mills- March 1, 2013
 - Letter of Support- Denise Daniello- February 25, 2013
 - Letter of Support- John Lucking Jr. February 12, 2013
 - Letter of Support- Ken Helander- February 11, 2013
 - Letter of Support- Chief Tom Clemons- February 2, 2013
 - Supporting Article- Fairbanks Daily NewsMiner- December 3, 2011

- Supporting Article- Juneau Empire- January 25, 2013
- National Silver Alert States List
- Supporting Document- Quick Statistics
- Legal Memo- Kathleen Strasbaugh- March 11, 2013

Thank you for considering my request for House Bill 59 to be heard. Please contact my legislative aide, Miles Brookes, at 465-4940 with any questions.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(STA) am
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/3/13
Offered: 3/29/13

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Tarr, Millett, Josephson, Lynn, Tuck, Saddler, Kerttula, Higgins, Pruitt

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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6 Military Code;

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8 concern pertaining to the welfare of Alaskan veterans, including establishing,
9 extending, or strengthening services for veterans in the state; [AND]

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11 legislature, through the governor, outlining the department's activities during the
12 previous calendar year; the department shall notify the legislature that the report is
13 available; **and**

14 **(4) cooperate with the Department of Public Safety to develop and**
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1 under AS 44.41.060.

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 5 Military and Veterans' Affairs, shall, using statewide and local radio and television
 6 broadcasts, newspapers, and other communications media,

7 (1) develop and implement missing vulnerable adult prompt response
 8 and notification plans for use by law enforcement agencies, groups, and persons to
 9 locate a vulnerable adult who is missing; and

10 (2) coordinate the use of those plans.

11 (b) The plans required by (a) of this section must at least include standards for

12 (1) determining when and where to implement a plan; standards
 13 developed under this paragraph must at least address

14 (A) when a vulnerable adult will be considered missing; and

15 (B) the format, contents, and distribution of reports prepared by
 16 participating law enforcement agencies and others searching for a missing
 17 vulnerable adult; and

18 (2) voluntary participation in the plan by radio and television
 19 broadcasters, newspaper publishers, and owners and operators of other
 20 communications media.

21 (c) Notwithstanding another provision of law,

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 23 enforcement agency, is not civilly liable for

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26 (B) failing to implement a missing vulnerable adult prompt
 27 response and notification plan; or

28 (C) activating a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and
 29 notification plan if implementation is undertaken in good faith;

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 31 owner or operator of other communications media is not civilly liable for participating

1 in a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan or for participating
2 in the actual implementation of a plan if the broadcaster, publisher, or owner or
3 operator has verified the authenticity of the plan's implementation with the law
4 enforcement agency.

5 (d) In this section, "vulnerable adult" means a person 18 years of age or older
6 who, because of physical or mental impairment, is unable to meet the person's own
7 needs or to seek help without assistance.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/29/13

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Tarr, Millett

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6 who, because of physical, intellectual, or developmental disability, is unable to meet
7 the person's own needs or to seek help without assistance.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 3/13/13

Referred: State Affairs

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Tarr

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 19 broadcasters, newspaper publishers, and owners and operators of other
 20 communications media.

21 (c) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a radio or television
 22 broadcaster, a newspaper publisher, or an owner or operator of other communications
 23 media is not civilly liable for participating in a missing vulnerable adult prompt
 24 response and notification plan or for participating in the actual implementation of a
 25 plan if the broadcaster, publisher, or owner or operator has verified the authenticity of
 26 the plan's implementation with the law enforcement agency.

27 (d) In this section, "vulnerable adult" means a person 18 years of age or older
 28 who, because of physical or mental impairment, is unable to meet the person's own
 29 needs or to seek help without assistance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced: 1/16/13

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

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 6 broadcasters and newspaper publishers, develop missing vulnerable adult prompt
 7 response and notification plans for use by law enforcement to locate a vulnerable adult
 8 who is missing or who has disappeared and coordinate the use of those plans. The
 9 plans must, at a minimum, include standards

10 (1) for determining when it is appropriate to implement a prompt
 11 response and notification plan; standards developed under this paragraph must, at a
 12 minimum, address

13 (A) the circumstances under which a vulnerable adult will be
 14 considered missing; and

15 (B) the format and contents of and distribution process for
 16 reports prepared by participating law enforcement agencies searching for a
 17 missing vulnerable adult;

18 (2) for determining the proper area in which to implement the plan;

19 (3) providing for the voluntary participation of radio and television
 20 broadcasters and newspaper publishers in the plan.

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1 notification plan or for participating in the actual implementation of a plan if the
2 broadcaster or publisher has verified the authenticity of that implementation with the
3 law enforcement agency.

4 (c) In this section, "vulnerable adult" has the meaning given in AS 47.24.900.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 59 – Missing Vulnerable Adult Response Plan

HB 59 creates a new statewide system that will help find missing vulnerable adults. This system, similar to the nationwide Amber Alert System, will notify the public when a mentally or physically impaired senior goes missing.

This bill will require the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop and implement notification plans for the event of a missing vulnerable adult. The plan will use a voluntary network of television and radio stations and newspapers to alert the public of a missing adult. Additionally, the bill calls for DMVA and DPS to establish standards on when an alert is triggered and protocols on when a vulnerable adult is considered missing. Currently, 29 states have the Silver Alert System or a similar program¹ used for the recovery of missing vulnerable adults.

This bill will provide a valuable public system to help ensure that the search for Alaska's missing vulnerable adults happens quickly and efficiently.

If you have any questions, please contact Representative Gruenberg's aide, Miles Brookes, at (907) 465-4940.

¹ National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities

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Analysis of Changes to HB 59 Versions R to R.A

1. Page 3, line 6; reinserted the term "mental impairment" and deleted "intellectual or developmental disability" in definition section of the bill. This change corrects the unintended consequence of using the term "intellectual or developmental disability", which, if used, may preclude persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases from being included in the plan.

Please see the attached memo, in your bill packets, from Rep. Millett for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Representative Gruenberg's aide, Miles Brookes at (907) 465-4949.

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Analysis of Changes to HB 59 Versions P to R

1. Page 2, lines 22-29; adds a provision to protect a law enforcement agency, or an employee or an officer of a law enforcement agency from being civilly liable for failing to participate in a missing vulnerable adult plan, failing to implement a missing vulnerable adult plan, or for activating, in good faith, a missing vulnerable adult alert.

2. Page 3, line6; "mental impairment" was deleted and "intellectual or developmental disability" was inserted to coincide with a broad change in terminology accomplished in earlier legislation.

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Analysis of Changes to HB 59 Between Versions A and P

1. Page 2, lines 7-20; provide clarification for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Safety to design the missing vulnerable adult plans. Changes include;

A. Subsection requiring the development and implementation of missing vulnerable adult response and notification plans.

B. Subsections outlining minimum standards for the plans including, determining where and when to implement the plan, when a vulnerable adult will be considered missing, and the format, contents, and distribution of reports of the plan.

These changes give flexibility to the involved departments in planning and implementing the plans.

2. Page 2, lines 27-29; adopts the prior definition of "vulnerable adult" used in AS 47.24.900 prior to its amendment (CHAPTER 71 SLA 12) for the purpose of this section of law. A "vulnerable adult", for the purposes of this bill, will be defined as;

"a person 18 years of age or older who, because of physical or mental impairment, is unable to meet the persons own needs or to seek help without assistance"

The definition of "vulnerable adult" will not be changed in AS 47.24.900 or affect the term "vulnerable adult" in any statute outside of HB 59.

If you have any questions, please contact Representative Gruenberg's aide, Miles Brookes at (907) 465-4949.

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To: Rep. Max Gruenberg
House District 14

From: Rep. Charisse Millett

Re: HB ⁵⁹58 Changes *md*

Date: March 29th, 2013

Rep. Gruenberg,

It has come to my attention that the amendment I proposed in the House State Affairs Committee yesterday had an unintended consequence. House Bill ~~58~~⁵⁹ was amended to replace the term "mental impairment" with "intellectual and developmental disabilities." After consulting with the various boards and councils, especially those of the Department of Health and Social Services, I respectfully request that we have the original language re-inserted in the bill. We want the "Silver Alert" system to reach as broad a spectrum of vulnerable adults as possible. It is not my intent to limit that scope of necessary assistance by the use of language, no matter how well meaning.

Thank you for bringing this bill forwards. I look forward to voting on this with you on the House Floor.

Warmly,

Rep. Charisse Millett

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSHB 59(MLV)
Fiscal Note Number: 1
(H) Publish Date: 3/13/13

Identifier: HB059-DPS-DET-02-21-13
Title: MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT RESPONSE
PLAN
Sponsor: GRUENBERG
Requester: House Military and Veterans Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska State Trooper Detachments
OMB Component Number: 2325

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared By:	Lieutenant Rodney Dial	Phone:	(907)254-1284
Division	Alaska State Troopers	Date:	02/21/2013 06:36 PM
Approved By:	Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner	Date:	02/21/13
	Department of Public Safety		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 59(MLV)

Analysis

This bill amends AS 44.35.020 by adding a new paragraph requiring the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety (DPS), to develop and implement missing vulnerable adult response and notification plans under proposed AS 44.41.060.

This bill also amends AS 44.41 by adding a new section requiring that DPS, in cooperation with DMVA and using statewide and local radio and television broadcasters and newspaper publishers, develop and implement plans for use by law enforcement agencies to locate a vulnerable adult who is missing and specifying what that plan shall include.

It is expected that DPS will develop the missing vulnerable adult response and notification plan within existing resources. Therefore, a zero fiscal note is being submitted.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSHB 59(STA)
Fiscal Note Number: 2
(H) Publish Date: 3/29/13

Identifier: HB059-DMVA-HSEM-2-25-13
Title: MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT RESPONSE
PLAN
Sponsor: GRUENBERG
Requester: House Military and Veterans' Affairs

Department: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Appropriation: Military and Veterans' Affairs
Allocation: Homeland Security and Emergency Management
OMB Component Number: 2657

Expenditures/Revenues

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			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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Part-time							
Temporary							

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #2

STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL NO. CSHB 59(STA)

Analysis

This bill requires cooperation between the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and Department of Public Safety to develop and implement vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans under AS 44.41.060.

There is no fiscal impact to DMVA for this bill.



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March 4, 2013

Representative Max Gruenberg
State Capitol Room 110
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Gruenberg,

Thank you for introducing HB 59, creating a safety plan for vulnerable adults who are missing and at risk in Alaska. It is very timely given the rise in the number of vulnerable adults in Alaska. Other states have created a Silver Alert program that targets only senior citizens, whereas your bill extends the protection to all vulnerable adults.

Usually seniors are considered, but there are adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, persons with mental illness who may be distraught and suicidal, and soldiers and veterans who suffer from traumatic brain injuries who may become disoriented and in need of assistance.

The School of Social Work at the University of Alaska Anchorage graduates professional social workers who provide a variety of services to vulnerable populations throughout Alaska and this alert program will be of great benefit to them should one of their clients become at risk.

I strongly support this legislation and am hopeful that it will become law this Legislative session.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick M. Cunningham".

Patrick M. Cunningham, MSW, DSW
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AGENET

Alaska Geriatric Exchange Network An Association of Advocates and Service Providers for Older Alaskans

March 1, 2013

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Alaska State Capitol, Room 416
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative LeDoux,

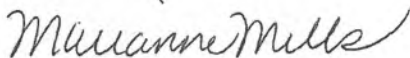
Agenet is pleased to write a letter in support of House Bill 59, an act providing for the safety of missing vulnerable adults. House Bill 59 would call on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to coordinate with the Department of Public Safety to design and implement an "Amber Alert" type notification system to help locate missing senior citizens and adults with disabilities.

Wandering is one of the most significant personal safety risks faced by individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Nearly 60% of people with Alzheimer's disease wander at some point during the course of their disease. Approximately half of all wanderings result in personal injury if the person is not found within 24 hours (Alzheimer's Association 2011). For an older person, being outside unprotected during the wintertime even for a short time, wandering can have life and death consequences.

A *Silver Alert* system would make use of the public broadcasting system to send out an immediate bulletin when a vulnerable older person is missing. Through public awareness, the *Silver Alert* program would substantially increase the chances of finding a vulnerable adult within the crucial 24-hour period from when he or she first goes missing. House Bill 59 would not present additional costs to the state, yet it would save local public safety departments valuable resources with shorter, more successful missing person searches.

The majority of states have established Silver Alert-type systems. Considering Alaska has the fastest growing senior population in the country, I encourage the State of Alaska to do the same. Members of the Alaska Geriatric Exchange Network (Agenet) are experienced senior service providers from across Alaska and we ask you to support House Bill 59.

Sincerely,



Marianne Mills
President

Cc: Representative Max Gruenberg

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February 25, 2013

The Honorable Neal Foster, Co-Chair
The Honorable Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair
House Military & Veterans' Affairs
Alaska Capitol, Rooms 434 & 416
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Support for HB 59, Missing Vulnerable Adult Prompt Response & Notification Plan

Dear Representative Foster, Representative LeDoux, and House Military & Veterans' Affairs Members:

The Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) is pleased to offer our support for HB 59, a bill sponsored by Representative Gruenberg, to establish a vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan that will involve the cooperation of the Department of Public Safety with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. Based on our understanding, the proposed vulnerable adult response program would be modeled after the successful *Amber Alert* used to find missing children and use media outlets and existing emergency notification infrastructure. Although this legislation addresses the problems of all vulnerable missing adults, the ACoA will focus on benefits we perceive for vulnerable older Alaskans from this legislation.

Wandering outside unattended and unprotected is a significant personal safety risk for persons with Alzheimer's disease. According to the Alzheimer's Association (2011), nearly 60% of people with Alzheimer's disease wander at some point during the course of their disease. If not found within a 24-hour period, up to one-half of those wanderings may result in personal injury or death. For older Alaskans wandering outside during the winter or in areas with moose or bear nearby, getting lost has life and death consequences.

As part of our efforts to learn more about the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ARD) and their caregivers, ACoA conducted seven community forums statewide that were attended by 161 persons, many of whom are unpaid family caregivers. Improving public response services to reduce safety risks for persons with Alzheimer's disease who wander was identified as a high priority concern by the forums' participants.

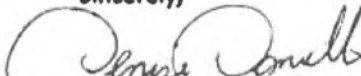
The ACoA supports HB 59 that authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to work in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and develop a missing vulnerable adult response plan that will improve the safety of vulnerable Alaskans, such as individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. We understand that this program will not present any significant cost to the state and addresses the need for a formal notification system to help locate missing vulnerable adults, such as older Alaskans with ARD, who often become disoriented due to their impaired condition and whose personal safety is at risk. The majority of states have established "silver alerts." An added benefit of this legislation is that it will help to promote more awareness among law enforcement officials regarding the issues of older Alaskans.

Please feel free to contact Denise Daniello, ACoA's executive director (465-4879 or denise.daniello@alaska.gov) should you require additional information about our position. Thank you for your support of HB 59 and for recognizing the critical need to improve public safety for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other vulnerable adults.

Sincerely,


Paula Pawlowski
Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging

Sincerely,


Denise Daniello
ACoA Executive Director

Cc: Representative Pete Higgins
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February 12, 2013

The Honorable Max Gruenberg
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm. 110
120 4th Street, Mail Stop 3100
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Gruenberg:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing House Bill 59, "An act relating to missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans".

The APOA Board of Directors recently reviewed this proposed legislation and unanimously supports this bill in its current form. We applaud your effort to further cooperation between the Department of the Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Safety through this legislation.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2013

The Honorable Max Gruenberg
Alaska Capitol, Room 110
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 59 Missing Vulnerable Adult Response Plan - Support

Dear Representative Gruenberg,

On behalf of the 94,000 members of AARP Alaska, I am grateful for your sponsorship of this important legislation to create an emergency response plan to assist in locating a missing vulnerable adult. We offer our support for the passage of this bill.

Just reading through the bill stirs up many memories and emotions of what I often recall as the worst night of my life. As the director of an adult day center in Anchorage, I was responsible for the safety of one of our members who left the building unnoticed in mid-October not many years ago, and went missing. As a center that specialized in caring for persons with dementia, it was not unusual for our members to wander and occasionally try to leave the premises. We had what we believed were good procedures in place to ensure no one left the campus and if they did, how we would find them. It had always been sufficient before...until this particular incident.

When the member was noted missing, and an immediate search of the facility, campus, and neighborhood failed to locate him, we exceeded the limits of any prior planning and began to improvise our response. Throughout the evening we summoned more and more help, including family members, law enforcement, media, and every available staff and volunteer. At midnight the search was called off without success. The weather was chilly and damp. The only available night vision device (at the time) was out in the Mat-Su Valley and couldn't arrive before morning. After the longest night of my life, the next morning at first light the search resumed, and the member was finally found lying in the grass within less than a mile of the center. He was unharmed, though wet and very disoriented.

It is not just professional experience that convinces me of the need for a formulated plan of response. It also happened to my father in Colorado. He walked over a mile and a half away from his assisted living home along and across very busy thoroughfares, and ended up at a Subway Sandwich Shop with no idea where he lived or how he'd gotten there. That incident precipitated his placement into a locked "memory care" unit where he remained for the rest of his life.

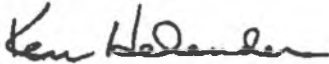
The vulnerability of frail elders, especially when there is cognitive impairment, poses too great a risk to not have a plan. The experience of community, public safety and law enforcement, media, and military support all working together with defined and efficient roles when a child is missing, shows us the benefits of a coordinated response. Indeed, in states where "silver alert" procedures are in place, the successful safe return of vulnerable adults to their home has improved significantly.

With the projected demographic tidal wave of numbers of older people, and consequently those with significant physical or cognitive impairment, it is urgent that plans are in place to quickly act

and prevent needless tragedy. "Vulnerable adult" has a legal definition, but it also represents a mother or father, a husband or a wife. No family member should have to endure any more time of uncertainty and anxiety for a loved one's safe return than absolutely necessary. The development of a response plan as your bill suggests will make sure of that.

Thank you for your consideration and sponsorship of this important legislation. Should you have any questions regarding AARP Alaska's support for HB 59, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Helander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

February 2, 2013

The Honorable Max Gruenberg
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm. 110
120 4th Street, Mail Stop 3100
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Gruenberg,

In my capacity as President of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of House Bill 59, "An Act relating to missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans". Our Association is comprised of more than 100 law enforcement executives from all across Alaska, and we applaud your effort to help agencies work together more easily in the protection of vulnerable adults.

When vulnerable individuals of any age are missing, time is of the essence, and HB 59 provides additional measures that will speed the actions of involved agencies and hopefully improve the rate of successful recovery, much as the Amber Alert system has done for missing children.

We look forward to working with you to insure that HB 45 is passed, and encourage you to contact our Executive Director, Kaile Klaysmat, at 907-394-5426 or by email at kaile.klaysmat@aacop.org should there be some way we can be of assistance in that regard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Clemons".

Chief Tom Clemons, President

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Fairbanks woman's death sheds light on harsh reality of living with Alzheimer's disease

by Dorothy Chomicz / dchomicz@newsminer.com

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FAIRBANKS — When you are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, the possibility of that person wandering off is an ever-present worry. In fact, six out of 10 Alzheimer's patients will wander at some point, and many do so repeatedly, according to the Alzheimer's Association website (www.alz.org).

The situation becomes even more serious in places like Alaska, where severe weather conditions can spell death for someone who has wandered outside and is unprepared for the elements.

This danger was brought to reality this week when Bonnie L. Scott, a 63-year-old Fairbanks woman who suffered from Alzheimer's, became confused while driving an acquaintance home in Fairbanks and ended up 80 miles northeast on the Steese Highway.

Scott wandered away from her vehicle after running out of gas, and Alaska State Troopers were able to follow her footprints into the woods, where they found her body. She had died of exposure after walking by a manned Department of Transportation maintenance facility in which she could have found shelter and aid.

Most cases of wandering do not occur in vehicles and are instead instances of the individual simply walking out of the door while a caretaker is distracted or sleeping.

To minimize the risk of wandering, experts suggest making changes around the home, such as camouflaging exit doors by painting them the same color as the wall, and draping door knobs with same-color cloth.

Placing a mirror next to the door can also stop the potential wanderer — they either think there is someone else there, or they become distracted by their own reflection.

Extra door latches can be placed at the tops or bottom of doors, where they will not be noticed, and car keys should be kept hidden. Chimes or alarms can be placed on doors to alert the caregiver.

Since wandering is often caused by restlessness, fear or physical need, make sure that basics such as hunger, thirst and the need to use the toilet are all met regularly.

If it is physically possible, provide the individual with recreational opportunities such as short, supervised walks or get them to help with simple household chores.

Reassure them if they feel agitated or fearful, and give them a routine to help them feel secure.

Even though caregivers are often tempted to keep a person's Alzheimer's a secret, it is important that neighbors and family members be told of potential wandering, and be provided with a good contact number. Always keep a current, clear photo of the individual on hand, and consider keeping one on file with your local police department.

Keep as much identification as possible on the person — place it in every coat, purse, pocket or wallet, and think about providing the person with an ID bracelet or necklace.

Since identification is only helpful once the person has been found, consider purchasing an electronic tracking device that can be used to locate them before tragedy occurs. According to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America website, a person with dementia "only stands a 50 percent chance of survival if they are not found within the first 24 hours."

Finally, do not leave the individual alone. Since it is virtually impossible for one person to keep an Alzheimer's sufferer in sight at all times, it is essential that the caregiver establish a support network that can help out and provide a break when needed.

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska provides services, information and education to Alaskans dealing with Alzheimer's and has five offices statewide. They can be reached at their Fairbanks office at 452-2277, or visited at www.alzalaska.org.

Contact staff writer Dorothy Chomicz at 459-7590.

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Nude man crosses channel to Douglas after hit-and-run accident

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JUNEAU EMPIRE

A hit-and-run accident involving a nude pedestrian on Egan Drive near Sunny Point sparked a confusing series of events Thursday night that had police searching for an injured person — and discovering that he had crossed Gastineau Channel to seek help in North Douglas.

A woman called police at 10:30 p.m. to say a nude man was at the doorstep of her North Douglas home, near the waterfront, and he was injured.

Police found tracks leading from the channel and called for an ambulance, saying the 28-year-old man was hypothermic and blacking out. The man suffered apparently non-life-threatening injuries, police said in a prepared release. He was not believed to be intoxicated.

He was taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital.

Police found the scene of the accident and determined that the man proceeded through the wetlands and channel after being struck by a vehicle. Police say they gathered "numerous articles of evidence."

At about 12:30 p.m., according to police scanner traffic, the man's mother called police to say her son, who suffered from a mental health issue, was missing and the last time she saw him in the Lemon Creek area he was wearing just a bath towel. Police informed her of his whereabouts.

Police are searching for the driver, who fled the scene. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Juneau Police Department at 586-0600.

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Silver Alert



Modeled after the Amber Alert, the Silver Alert is an emergency system in which law enforcement can broadcast regional or statewide alerts for missing seniors and/or other adults with Alzheimer's or other cognitive disorders.

A growing number of states are enacting laws that call for the development of the Silver Alert program and some have implemented their own notification systems.

Activation criteria varies from state to state, see list below for information on the Silver Alert program in your state.

Alabama	
Effective Date	March 25, 2009 AKA "Missing Senior Citizen Alert"
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Not specified
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency or (800) 228-7688
Website	http://dps.alabama.gov/Home/wfContent.aspx?ID=20&PLH1=plhAlerts-MissingSenior
Other	House Bill 33

Alaska	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Alaska State Troopers Bureau of Investigation, Missing Person's Clearinghouse
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	907-269-5497
Website	http://www.dps.state.ak.us/ast/abi/missingpersons.asox
Other	

Arizona	
Effective Date	October 2008 AKA "Endangered Person Alert"
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency or (602) 223-2212
Website	http://www.azag.gov/EndangeredPerson/
Other	

Arkansas	
Effective Date	April 2009
Administered By	The Arkansas State Police, working with the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association and Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police
Age Requirement	Adults with Alzheimer's or other cognitive disorders
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency

Arkansas State Police: 501-618-8000	
Website	https://www.ark.pro/asp/alerts/mnaa/silver.php
Other	

California	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	California Department of Justice Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	916-227-3290
Website	http://oag.ca.gov/missing
Other	

Colorado	
Effective Date	February 2007
Administered By	Colorado Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	None
Other	House Bill 07-1005

Connecticut	
Effective Date	July 1, 2009
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	(1) anyone 65 or over and (2) anyone 18 or over who has a mental impairment
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.ct.gov/dps/services/cwp/view.asp?a=2513&q=442724
Other	Senate Bill 451

Delaware	
Effective Date	July 2008 AKA "Gold Alert Program"
Administered By	The initial decision to issue a local Gold Alert is at the discretion of the investigating law-enforcement agency.
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://delcode.delaware.gov/title11/c085/sc07/index.shtml
Other	CHAPTER 85. STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, Subchapter VII. <u>Gold Alert Program for Certain Missing Persons</u>

Florida	
Effective Date	October 8, 2008
Administered By	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/getdoc/4d9614f1-822a-411f-9bdd-f556a04f05fa/Silver-Alert-Plan.aspx
Other	House Bill HM 753

Georgia	
Effective Date	April 2006 AKA "Mattie's Call"
Administered By	Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Age Requirement	Missing disabled adults
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://alerts.gbi.georgia.gov/00/channel_modifieddate/0.2096.67865199.74426401.00.html
Other	House Bill 728

Hawaii	

Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Missing Persons Center Hawaii Department of the Attorney General
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	808-586-1449
Website	http://hawaii.gov/ao/mcch/main/missinqchild/missinqchild_pcs
Other	

Idaho	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Idaho State Police Special Programs Unit Missing Person's Clearinghouse
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	888-777-3922
Website	http://isp.idaho.gov/identification/missing/
Other	

Illinois	
Effective Date	January 1, 2010 AKA "Endangered Missing Person Advisory Program"
Administered By	The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA), in coordination with the Illinois State Police
Age Requirement	Older adults
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.state.il.us/aging/1news_pubs/news/2009-1230.htm http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=1&RecNum=8136
Other	Senate Bill 0027

Indiana	
Effective Date	July 2009
Administered By	Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency or 800-831-8953
Website	http://www.in.gov/silveralert/index.htm http://www.in.gov/silveralert/2331.htm
Other	Senate Bill 307

Iowa	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Iowa Missing Person Information Clearinghouse
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	515-725-6036
Website	http://www.iowaonline.state.ia.us/mpic/ http://www.iowaonline.state.ia.us/mpic/Controller.aspx?cmd=missingLinks
Other	

Kansas	
Effective Date	July 30, 2009
Administered By	Kansas Bureau of Investigation Communications
Age Requirement	Must be age 65 or older
Phone	contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://ag.ks.gov/public-safety/missing-persons/silver-alerts
Other	SNL Resolution No. 2506

Kentucky	
Effective Date	July 2008 AKA "Golden Alert"
Administered By	Kentucky Division of Emergency Management
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Other	

Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or (502) 607-1638
Website	none
Other	Senate Bill 125

Louisiana	
Effective Date	July 2008
Administered By	Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	House Bill 1378

Maine	
Effective Date	April 2010
Administered By	Maine Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	Legislative Documents: HP1138, LD 1610, Item 1

Maryland	
Effective Date	October 2009
Administered By	Maryland State Police
Age Requirement	Anyone who may have a cognitive disorder
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or (410)486-3101
Website	http://www.mdsp.org/Organization/MissingPersons/SilverAlert.aspx
Other	House Bill 192 Press Release

Massachusetts	
Effective Date	August 2010
Administered By	
Age Requirement	
Phone	508-820-2300
Website	http://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter6A/Section18I
Other	

Michigan	
Effective Date	May 2012 AKA "Mozelle senior or vulnerable adult medical alert act"
Administered By	
Age Requirement	At least 60 years of age
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billconcurrent/Senate/pdf/2011-SCB-0466.pdf
Other	

Minnesota	
Effective Date	July 2009 AKA "Brandon's Law"
Administered By	Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H3531.0.html&session=1586
Other	S.F. No. 1146 (Minnesota Missing Person's Act)

Mississippi	

Effective Date	July 1, 2010 "Mississippi Silver Alert System Act of 2010."
Administered By	Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.dps.state.ms.us/crime-investigation/bureau-of-investigation/silver-alert/
Other	House Bill 664, House Bill 664 Amended

Missouri	
Effective Date	"Endangered Silver Advisory"
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or (573) 751-1000
Website	http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/DDCC/EndangeredSilverAdvisory
Other	House Bill 1119

Montana	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Montana Missing Person's Clearinghouse
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	406-444-1526
Website	https://dol.mt.gov/missing-persons/
Other	

Nebraska	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Nebraska State Patrol Missing Persons Clearinghouse
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	877-441-5678
Website	http://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/MissPerClearing.aspx
Other	

Nevada	
Effective Date	
Administered By	Nevada Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	60 years or older
Phone	775-684-7412
Website	http://dps.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpsnvgov/content/forms/NevadaSilverAlertSystem.pdf
Other	

New Hampshire	
Effective Date	Approved July 29, 2009, Effective on July 1, 2010 AKA "Missing Senior Citizen Alert"
Administered By	New Hampshire Department of Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 55 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	None
Other	House Bill 279

New Jersey	
Effective Date	December 23, 2009 law signed into effect
Administered By	State Police
Age Requirement	Must be age 65 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A3000/2844_11.HTM
Other	Assembly No. 2844 Senate Bill 1551 and Senate Bill 1844

New York	
Effective Date	July 25, 2012
Administered By	State Police
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	None, but a list of missing persons is available online. web link
Other	Bills A05783, S04307, A5544-2011

New Mexico	
Effective Date	The New Mexico Missing Persons Clearinghouse issues a "Endanger Person Advisory"
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or (505) 827-9297
Website	http://missingpersons.dps.state.nm.us/
Other	

North Carolina	
Effective Date	Approved June 19, 2009
Administered By	Department of Crime Control and Public Safety
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/index2.cfm?a=000003,000005,000081,001670 http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/dlv/ale/missingpersons/SilverAlertBrochure3c.pdf
Other	General Statute § 143B-499.8

North Dakota	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	800-472-2185
Website	http://www.ag.state.nd.us/bci/MissingPersonPolicy.pdf
Other	

Oklahoma	
Effective Date	November 1, 2009, passed Senate April 16, 2009
Administered By	Department of Public Safety - Commissioner of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	House Bill 2030, 63 O.S. §1-1990.2

Ohio	
Effective Date	June 20, 2008 AKA "Missing Adult Alert"
Administered By	Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Age Requirement	Must be age 65 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or 866-693-9171
Website	http://www.missingadults.ohio.gov/OhioMAA/Home.aspx
Other	Senate Bill 87, Sec. 5502.522

Oregon	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Oregon State Police - Missing Children and Adults
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	503-934-0188

Website	http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/181.505
Other	

Pennsylvania	
Effective Date	September 1, 2009 (based on HB276, although no program confirmation can be found)
Administered By	State Police
Age Requirement	Must be age 65 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	House Bill 2558 (2008). House Bill 726 (2009)

Rhode Island	
Effective Date	January 3, 2008 AKA "Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program"
Administered By	State Police
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	S7048 and H7048

South Carolina	
Effective Date	May 2010 AKA "The Endangered Person Notification System"
Administered By	South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Missing Persons - Missing Person Information Center
Age Requirement	All ages
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or 803-737-9000
Website	http://scsilveralert.com/
Other	Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding Section 23-3-330, January 13, 2009. House Bill 3817 introduced on March 24, 2009. A192. R240. H3719 General Bill.

South Dakota	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	South Dakota Attorney General's Office, Division of Criminal Investigation
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	605-773-3331
Website	http://dci.sd.gov/Operations/MissingPersons.aspx
Other	

Tennessee	
Effective Date	August 4, 2009 AKA "The Tennessee Senior Alert Act"
Administered By	Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Age Requirement	Must be age 18 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/billinfo/BillSummaryArchive.aspx?BillNumber=SB1748&q=106
Other	House Bill 346

Texas	
Effective Date	Sept 1, 2007
Administered By	Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	Must be age 65 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency or Texas Silver Alert Coordinator (512) 424-2208
Website	http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/Operations/Alerts/Index.htm
Other	

Utah	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Utah Department of Public Safety
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	801-965-4686
Website	http://publicsafety.utah.gov/bci/missingpersons.htm
Other	

Vermont	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Vermont State Clearinghouse of Missing Persons - Vermont State Police
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	802-241-5000
Website	http://vsp.vermont.gov/
Other	

Virginia	
Effective Date	July 2007 AKA "Senior Alert System"
Administered By	Virginia State Police
Age Requirement	Must be age 60 or older
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	http://www.vasenioralert.com/index.htm
Other	§ 52-34.5

Washington	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Washington State Patrol Missing Person's Unit
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	800-543-5678
Website	http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/mpu.htm
Other	

West Virginia	
Effective Date	April 22, 2009
Administered By	The State Police
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	Contact your local law enforcement agency
Website	none
Other	House Bill 2504 §15-3B-3

Wisconsin	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program Implemented at this Time
Administered By	Wisconsin Clearinghouse for Missing and Exploited Children and Adults
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	800-843-4673
Website	http://www.missingpersons.dcf.wi.gov
Other	

Wyoming	
Effective Date	No Official Alert Program implemented at this Time
Administered By	Wyoming Office of the Attorney General Division of Criminal Investigation
Age Requirement	All ages, children and adults
Phone	307-777-7537
Website	http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/
Other	

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MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2013

SUBJECT: HB 59: Missing Vulnerable Adults Legislation
(Work Order No. 28-LS0260VA)

TO: Representative Max Gruenberg
Attn: Miles Brookes

FROM: Kathleen Strasbaugh
Legislative Counsel

HB 59, which, if enacted, would require the Department of Public Safety, in co-operation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to develop a plan for using statewide media outlets to assist in locating vulnerable adults who are missing. You have asked whether it is necessary to add to the bill authority for the departments to make regulations. In my opinion, the answer is no.

The bill is an instruction to agencies to cooperate in developing a plan. It does not appear to require the departments to regulate the conduct of members of public. AS 44.62.640(a)(3); *Cf. State v. Nondalton Tribal Council*, 268 P.2d 293, 303 (Alaska 2012) (land use plan mandated by statute not a regulation subject to the Administrative Procedures Act). The plan will allow for, but does not require, participation by media outlets and the public. It does not seem necessary to authorize regulations under these circumstances.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Alaska Senior Population Projections

- 2015 estimated population of Alaskans age 60 and older is approximately 100,000.
2024 estimated population of Alaskans age 60 and over is approximately 155,000.ⁱ
- 2015 estimated population of Alaskans with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia is approximately 7,000
2025 estimated population of Alaskans with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia is 11,000ⁱⁱ

Silver Alert Statistics

- Florida (Jan/Feb 2013) 23 alerts issued, 23 safe returnsⁱⁱⁱ
- Georgia (2006-2009) 71 alerts issued, 70 safe returns.^{iv}
- North Carolina (2012, 4th Qtr.) 66 alerts issued, 63 safe returns.^v
- Texas (2007-March 31, 2012) 276 alerts issued, 251 safe returns.^{vi}

ⁱ Alaska Department of Labor, Mid-Range Projections, 2010.

ⁱⁱ Alaska Commission on Aging Annual Report, 2011.

ⁱⁱⁱ Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Silver Alert Monthly Reports, January/February 2013.

^{iv} American Silver Alert Coalition Report, 2010.

^v North Carolina Department of Public Safety, 4th Quarter Silver Alert Report, 2013.

^{vi} State of Texas Emergency Management, Alert Systems Handout, 2012.

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BY: Sen. Coghill

- 1 Page 2, line 22: after "agency,"
- 2 Insert "a person, or a group"